commerce, internal prosperity, and the happiness of families ? How can they fail to see that peace is the first of necessities and the greatest of glories ?

Your Majesty must see in this overture nothing but my sincere desire by prompt action to contribute efficaciously for the second time to a general pacification.

(To His Majesty the Emperor, King of Hungary and of Bohemia.) Once more in Europe after an absence of eighteen months, I find war raging between the French Republic and Your Majesty. The Fjreneh nation has summoned me to its chief magistracy. Far as I am from any sentiments of vainglory, my greatest desire is to prevent the effusion of the blood that is about to flow. Your Majesty's reputation leaves me no doubt as to your most heartfelt desire. If that sentiment is given its course, I do not doubt that we can conciliate the interests of the two countries.

(To the army of Italy.) Soldiers! The circumstances that have placed me at the head of the Government prevent me from being in your midst.

Soldiers! Several corps have abandoned their positions, have refused to listen to the voice of their officers. The 17th light infantry is one of them. Are the brave soldiers of Castiglione and of Rivoli all dead, then? They would have perished rather than abandon their flags.